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Wayde M. Hartwick  
Remedial Project Manager  
Mail Code HSRL-6J  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region V  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60604

Re: American Chemical Services NPL Site  
Griffith, Indiana

Dear Mr. Hartwick:

The management of American Chemical Service, Inc. wishes to advise you of its concern regarding the alternatives for remediation being considered for this site. Based on the nature of the materials, including cyanide, buried in the off-site containment area and the procedures involved in performing Alternative 6, a dangerous condition may develop during the remediation. It is our expert opinion that the implementation of Alternative 6 (excavation and incineration) may result in an increased and immediate risk to humans and the environment.

If Alternative 6 is selected as the remedy for any portion of the site, American Chemical Service has serious doubts whether the protection and welfare of its employees could be guaranteed. As a result of the remediation alternative selected, it may be necessary for American Chemical Service to terminate operations. We urge you to carefully consider the potential dangers associated with the performance of any remediation alternative.

Very truly yours,

James Tarpo  
President  
American Chemical Service, Inc.

cc: Marureen Johns Grimmer  
Bruce Clark  
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